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WHAT LIGHTSHIP IS

Pilot's LightShip™ is a PC-based information interface for managers and other decision-makers at all levels within a company.

WHO LIGHTSHIP IS FOR

LightShip was created for anyone who needs to gain access to information necessary for managing projects and people and making critical decisions. LightShip empowers the people closest to situations with the ability to find and correct problems, or discover and take advantage of opportunities that fall within their own areas of responsibility.

WHAT LIGHTSHIP DOES

LightShip gives you quick access to both company and external information through easy-to-understand PC screen displays which combine text, numerical data, graphical data and images all on one screen — to give you a full picture of the critical information you need.

Filtering

LightShip uses a “filtering” approach to provide information one layer at a time. You can then click on “Hot Spots” over certain items on the screen to “drill down” to new screens with more detailed information about that particular item.

Live Updates

LightShip brings you the absolutely latest, most up-to-date information available from your data sources. Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) and Dynamic Link Libraries (DLLs) form live connections to internal and external data on your PC or LAN, links which automatically update LightShip screens the moment data changes. For instance, LightShip is smart enough to add entirely new office locations — without any human intervention — to a screen set up to show existing sites — just as soon as data indicates that a new location exists.

LightShip makes it easy for you to collect and analyze information from a variety of sources. With its graphical, colorful screen displays, you can quickly spot exceptions, discover trends, and trouble-shoot problems before they mushroom.

HOW LIGHTSHIP WORKS

Just Point and Click

It's easy to use LightShip to access information. Just use your mouse to point and click on any Hot Spot item that interests you, and you'll get the next layer of more detailed information about that item.

Choose from 8 Objects for Easy Programming

It's also very easy to set up LightShip screens — with no knowledge of programming required — because LightShip offers a *visual form of object-oriented programming*. All you have to do is point and click on the objects you want to use, and in no time you've created a new screen.

Draw

This object makes it easy to start a screen.

- Just choose one of the shapes offered, then click and drag the mouse to the size and proportions you want.
- Choose from rectangle, round rectangle, line, ellipse, and polygon shapes.

Text

Use this tool to type in titles or any other static information you want on the screen.

- Justify text left, right, or center.
- Choose colors, fonts, and type sizes.

Document

This object lets you bring *live* data — text and numeric information — into LightShip.

- Use the DDE Request to bring in data from anywhere on the network, without any complicated procedures.
- Also enter text or numbers “from scratch” or allow the browser to do so.
- Tap into data in external sources, such as dBase, Paradox, Oracle, and SQL Server databases, by using Dynamic Link Libraries (which you can buy separately or make on your own).
- Auto-Wordwrap feature makes the information fit the size of the box you want it to appear in, instead of showing you a “chopped-off” view of what fits.
- Choose vertical or horizontal scroll bars, and where they're located: on the edge of the screen or on the edge of a data box.



With LightShip, you can easily combine text, numerical data, graphical data and even images all on one screen... in whatever ways make the most sense to you.

Image

Use this object to bring in photos or visuals from an imaging database.

- For example, you can include shots of people, products, floor space, or promotional displays on your LightShip screen.
- Bring in any image from a PCX or Bitmap file, from the Clipboard, a DDE request or a DLL connection.
- Use any images in the LightShip samples (included with the program) as a "Symbol library" for creating your own applications or use any symbols from a clip-art package.

Hot Spot

One of the most important aspects of creating a LightShip screen is the ability to put "Hot Spots" anywhere you choose, where someone can click to find out more information about that item.

- You can make a Hot Spot look like a button or keep it invisible.
- Create groupings of Hot Spots to look like radio buttons or a selection panel.
- Buttons can be turned on and off conditionally.
- You can indicate a Hot Spot by changing the cursor to a hand or magnifying glass, or making up a symbol of your own.
- Specify a list of actions which will be performed in sequence, using "If" testing, looping, and conditional looping and branching ("Do this action if sales are up 10% by June 1; do this if not").

Menu

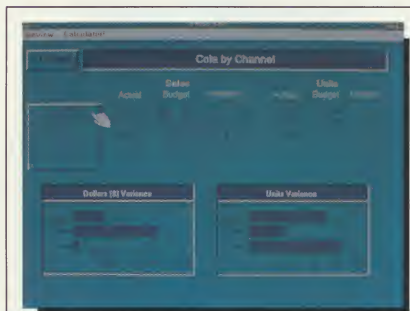
Like Hot Spots, menus give you a pathway to more choices only these appear at the top of the screen on the menu bar.

- Menu items can execute all the same functions performed by a Hot Spot.
- Functions include all string and numeric functions you'd expect in a spreadsheet.

Chart

LightShip provides quick and easy charting of data brought into a document object from anywhere on the LAN. (The document object can be invisible to the browser.)

- Dynamic links to data keep charts instantly up-to-date.
- Choose from a number of popular chart formats, including bar, line, area, and pie charts.
- Mix chart types within a graph or on the screen, such as



Hot Spots turn any area on the screen into a "control button" for live action, which reveals additional screens with more detailed information about a particular item and sets other actions in motion.

combining a line and bar chart in the same graph.

Format

This tool lets you format data and control how it appears in a document.

- Choose justifications, dollar signs, zero display, use of multipliers.
- You can create color coding for exception reporting and stoplight charts.

MORE OPTIONS

With LightShip, you can easily combine any of the eight objects described above to create any kind of screen you want.

- You can stack objects on top of each other to create the look and

action sequence you need.

- Password protection can be implemented at both the "browser" and "author" levels.
- You can change the color scheme virtually any way you want.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum

- Windows 3.0 or higher, 286 processor, 2 megabytes of memory, any Windows-supported monitor

Recommended

- Windows 3.0 or higher, 386SX processor or better, 4 megabytes of memory, VGA monitor (Super VGA for 256 color display)

SALES AND SUPPORT

All LightShip customers receive:

- Unlimited telephone support for 90 days.
- 24-hour access to Pilot's bulletin board.
- Free copy of Pilot's CLIP BIT, a Windows clipboard utility.
- LightShip is licensed on a per user basis.

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